

*Gains of Soviet and Chinese revolutions have been betrayed by present rulers: a new revolutionary movement will overthrow them and establish workers' power.*

# REVISIONISM

Many times, **Challenge-Desafio** has used the term "revisionism" to refer to the leadership of the Soviet Union and China and to those organizations that call themselves Communist and follow the political line of these two countries' Communist Parties.

Revisionism, said V. I. Lenin, the great leader of the socialist revolution in the USSR, "**sacrifices the fundamental interests of the working class to cater to the needs of the bourgeoisie**" (On the Struggle against Revisionism, Peking FLP 1960). Today, revisionism is one of the main ways bosses stop the workers from taking over power.

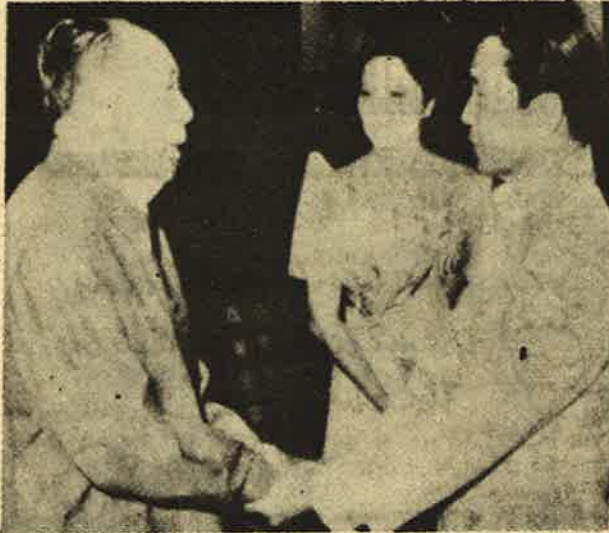
Today, the Chinese and the Soviet leaders accuse each other of betraying the revolution. They are both right:

—Twenty-three pro-Soviet "Communist" Parties met in Havana this week and accused China of betrayal, flirting with U.S. imperialism, and secretly defending the Fascist Pinochet regime of Chile. They said that the Chinese Communist Party "defends the U.S. presence in Asia and Europe, justifies NATO and encourages West German imperialism and revanchism."

—Troops of the South Vietnam Poulo Wai and Cambodian nationalist governments fought a battle for the control of the Island where the Mayaguez incident took place last month, according to the June 14 *N.Y. Times*. Both nationalist governments want control of the oil rich region near the island. The Cambodian government is considered pro-China (they expelled the Soviet embassy after they took over, since the Soviets supported fascist Lon Nol), and the Vietnamese are pro-Moscow (according to *Le Monde*, the South Vietnamese have nothing but praises in their press for the Soviets, while ignoring completely the Chinese). **The threat of a new war in the area is strong.**

—In Africa, the Chinese support the well known CIA-puppet Mobutu from Zaire and train the troops of the Angolan FNLA, supported by the U.S., and which have been on a virtual state of civil war against the pro-Moscow MPLA. Both the FNLA and the MPLA are rival independence movements.

—In Argentina, both the pro-Soviet "Communist" Party and pro-China "Revolutionary Communist" Party support the fascist government of Isabel



Mao greets Marcos- fascist dictator of Phillipines. Peron.

—In Portugal, while the pro-Moscow "C" P supports the ruling Armed Forces Movement and sabotages all the workers' struggles, the "Communist" Party (M-L), officially recognized by China, supports the pro-U.S. "Socialist" Party.

—China supports the fascist Shah of Iran (also pro-U.S.) while the USSR supports Indira Ghandi. China and the Soviets are wooing Japan. China supports U.S. puppet Marcos of the Philippines and the maintaining of U.S. bases there.

**The main point is that neither the Soviets nor the Chinese represents any revolutionary perspective for the working class. Both are only interested in preserving different capitalists, and themselves.**

The Chinese have gone so far to the right, allying with U.S. puppets and with the U.S., that they are making the Soviets look good. The Chinese base their treacherous political line in the analysis that the USSR is the main imperialist danger in the world and therefore one has to build a "United Front of all the old fascists against the new Soviet fascists."

The Soviet imperialists and their political allies have a long history of betrayals: from Chile to Portugal, the pro-Soviet revisionist parties have been the main demoralizer of the working class and have opened the way to defeat for the working class

with their peaceful transition to socialism.

## BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL

But, to choose between either side is to commit class suicide. Revolutionaries all over the world are beginning to realize the need to build new Communist organizations which follow a revolutionary line of Socialist revolution and not alliances with any boss. The working class of the world and its allies have suffered too many bloody defeats to keep on following the dead-end political line of these revisionists.

PLP is an organization that throughout its short history of 12 years has been trying to honestly learn from the mistakes of revolutionary experiences worldwide. We came out of the old CPUSA and for a few years allied ourselves with the Chinese when they were following a revolutionary path. We broke with the Chinese and openly criticized them, calling them revisionists. Our political evaluation is becoming clearer every day. Revisionism is a dead-end alley for all workers.

PLP is trying to build a Communist movement here in the U.S. There are forces all over the world trying to do the same as we. This new revolutionary movement is realizing that the only real solution to the problems suffered by workers and their allies is to fight for socialist revolution. Anything short of this (such as so-called two stage revolution, peaceful transition or alliances with "progressive" capitalists) only leads to defeat or to narrow nationalism (as in Southeast Asia, where the leaders of Cambodia and Vietnam are now fighting among each other, due to nationalism).

**The working people and its allies will win. A new Communist movement will come forward in this period of threatening World War between the U.S. and Soviet imperialists and their respective allies. Just as Socialism triumphed after World War One (and the imperialist Second International was exposed by the Bolshevik revolution) and World War Two, a new revolutionary upsurge will come forward in this period. Imperialism, capitalism, revisionism, nationalism, Trotskyism and all the other evils of capitalism will be smashed by socialist revolution!**

## SPORTS REVIEW

# PELE

Edson Arantes do Nascimento, "Pelé," has come to the U.S. to play for the New York Cosmos, owned by Warner Brothers. Pelé signed one of the richest contracts in the history of sports, making him probably the world's highest paid athlete. He signed a three year contract which will give him \$4.7 million, plus extras: a mansion; a yacht; cars; private schools for his children; a share in the team's profits, plus advertisement revenues.

Pelé is without doubt the best soccer player in the world. Soccer is the most popular game worldwide and, with the exception of the U.S. and a few other countries, is the main sport in most countries of the world. His playing with the N.Y. Cosmos have brought thousands of fans to see him and is making soccer a major sport in the U.S. This will mean big profits for the soccer team owners like Warner Communications, etc.

Pelé has become the U.S. latest sports' hero. Fans are following him all over and already he has to have special protection to avoid being mobbed. He is being used in New York City to divert people's minds from the bosses' crisis.

But Pelé, like any other major sports figure under capitalism, is only serving the bosses. He is one of the very few who can make it through sports and was used by the fascist rulers back in his country of Brazil as a sort of "public relations" man to make their fascist rule look nice. Pelé is now a millionaire and a boss. He owns the biggest coffee company of



Brazil. He is no longer a member of his class. He has nothing to do with the reality of the slumdweller of Brazil where he originally came from.

Life is very different for the Brazilian people:

—From 1963 to 1974, the minimum wage paid to Brazilian workers lost its buying power by more than 50 per cent according to a survey done by the paper "O Estado de Sao Paulo";

—In Sao Paulo, the most prosperous Brazilian city, 600,000 people live in complete misery, including 70,000 children, who neither work nor go to school and barely subsist.

—32 per cent of the population is illiterate.

—83 per cent of the child population suffers from chronic malnutrition. 392,000 die each year of meningitis, diphtheria, enterocolitis and the mumps, according to the Government.

—Of the 17,629,000 housing units for the population of 105 million, only 5,784,000 have running water, and only 8,384,000 have electricity.

—Brazil has been ruled since 1964 by fascist generals and there is no political freedom there (trade unions or any other workers' organizations have been banned). The Brazilian fascists have killed thousands of workers and opponents, have participated in the fascist coups in Chile, and Uruguay and are involved in the genocide of the Indian population in the Amazon region. President Geisel of Brazil was a former top executive of IBM (so—guess who control the Government).